

HOUSE BILL 710

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland
4 Transportation Funding; requiring the Commission to review, evaluate, and
5 make recommendations concerning certain issues; specifying the membership
6 and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of
7 the Commission; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving certain
8 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Commission to submit an interim and final report of its findings
10 and recommendations by certain dates; providing for the termination of this
11 Act; and generally relating to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland
12 Transportation Funding.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation
16 Funding.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) The Commission shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations
2 concerning:

3 (1) the current State funding sources and structure of the Maryland
4 Transportation Trust Fund;

5 (2) short- and long-term transit construction and maintenance
6 funding needs;

7 (3) short- and long-term highway construction and maintenance
8 funding needs;

9 (4) short- and long-term pedestrian and bicycle facility construction
10 and maintenance funding needs;

11 ~~(5)~~ (5) options for public-private partnerships, including partnerships
12 with local governments, to meet transportation funding needs;

13 ~~(6)~~ (6) the structure of regional transportation authorities and the
14 ability of these authorities to meet transportation needs in various regions of the
15 State;

16 ~~(7)~~ (7) the impact of economic development and smart growth on
17 transportation funding; and

18 ~~(8)~~ (8) options for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for
19 transportation.

20 (c) The Commission shall be composed of ~~21 members as follows~~ the
21 following members:

22 (1) (i) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
23 President of the Senate; and

24 (ii) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
25 Speaker of the House; and

26 (2) the following members appointed by the Governor:

27 (i) the Secretary of Transportation;

28 (ii) the Secretary of Budget and Management;

29 (iii) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development;

30 (iv) the Secretary of Planning;

1 (v) a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit
2 Authority;

3 (vi) three representatives from the business community,
4 including two representatives of statewide or regional organizations;

5 (vii) two representatives of the transit community;

6 (viii) two representatives of the environmental community,
7 including one representative with a background in smart growth;

8 (ix) a representative of the American Automobile Association;

9 (x) a representative of the freight rail industry;

10 (xi) a representative of the motor carrier industry; ~~and~~

11 ~~(xii) two other individuals~~

12 (xii) two representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties;

13 (xiii) a representative of the transportation construction industry;

14 (xiv) two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League;

15 (xv) two representatives of labor unions; and

16 (xvi) two representatives of rural areas in the State.

17 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission after
18 consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

19 (e) To the extent practicable, the presiding officers and the Governor shall
20 attempt to ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Commission.

21 (f) A member of the Commission:

22 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

23 (2) is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State
24 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

25 (g) The Department of Transportation ~~and the Department of Legislative~~
26 ~~Services~~ shall provide staff support to the Commission.

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1 (h) On or before January 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit an interim
2 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of
3 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 (i) On or before ~~January 1, 2012~~ November 1, 2011, the Commission shall
5 submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject
6 to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
9 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
10 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.